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The amended claim 48 is believed to recite each and every feature of the elected claim 1 and, therefore, applicants believe that the claim 48 is patentable if the Primary Examiner will decide to allow the claim 1 (as amended in applicants' Paper dated April 12, 1996).

It is true that the claim 48 recites certain features in addition to those recited in the claim 1; however, if the Primary Examiner will decide to allow the claim 1, this should render the claim 48 patentable on the same grounds which the Primary Examiner might consider as warranting the allowance of the claim 1.

Applicants further respectfully request favorable reconsideration of the election requirement to the extent that the claims 20, 23, 28 and 31-35 should remain active in the present application. Each of these claims depends from the claim 1, or from a claim referring to the claim 1 and, therefore, no further examination of the merits of the claims 20, 23, 28 and 31-35 will necessary if the Primary Examiner will decide to allow the claim 1.

A favorable Action is earnestly solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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